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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A
FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

To be determinedINTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2005/007100

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

April 12, 2005

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

April 13, 2004

TITLE OF INVENTION

FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. had been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36

Items 11 to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13*ter*.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 – 1.825
18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information: PTO-1449 form, International Publication Number WO 2005/100949,

Redline Comparison, PCT Search Report for International Application No. WO2005/100949 and PCT Written Opinion

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21. The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 492(c))				\$300.00	\$ 300				
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-4).....				\$0.00					
All other situations.....				\$200.00	\$ 200				
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b))									
If the written opinion of the ISA/US or US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-4)				\$0.00					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....				\$100.00					
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office				\$400.00					
All other situations				\$500.00	\$ 400				
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =					\$ 900				
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.									
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		RATE					
- 100	/50 =			x \$250.00					
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					\$				
CLAIMS				NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA				
Total claims		8 -20 =	0	x	\$50.00				
Independent claims		8 -3 =	5	x	\$200.00				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+	\$360.00				
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =									
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.									
SUBTOTAL =									
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +									
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =									
Fee for recording the enclose assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +									
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =									
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a. A check in the amount \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
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b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2054 in the amount of \$1,900 to cover the above fees.
 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to
 Deposit Account No. 50-2054 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card information should not be included on this form.** Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: **CUSTOMER NUMBER 30873**

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